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Dormitory for Married Students

By the time these lines are in the nds of their readers, the dormitory r married students will in all likelihood completed, and most of the apart- ents occupied. Those who have been ivileged to see the structure have ex- essed genuine appreciation of its gen- al arrangement and construction. It convenient, well built and attractive.

Since several of the married students ho had expected to find housing in the w building have had to seek quarters sewhere for the first two months of e school year, it is highly probable that t all twelve of the apartments will be cupied in the immediate future.

Mr. and Mrs. August Brei will occupy e two-bedroom apartment on the first or.

At the recent meeting of the Board of rectors it was decided that there should be an appropriate public "Home Blessing" and "Open House" observed in connection with the moving-in. Uncertainity as to the exact date when all the final touches on the building will be made precludes the possibility of our announcing at this time definite details concerning those events.

It will be recalled that the stimulus for the erection of a dormitory for married students came from the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stelk, Fremont, Nebr., placed at the disposal of Central Seminary, in the form of an annuity and for that particular purpose, the amount of $40,000.0. The general contractor was Carlstrom Brothers. Rumps did the plumbing and Evans the electrical work. The architect, Mr. Homer Turner. All are of Fremont, Nebraska.

From the President's Heart to Yours

Evangelism!

How we do change!

Who would have thought three decades ago when in Lutheran circles the word evangelism was all but anathema that he would live to see the transformation which we have witnessed? Even in WHAT LUTHERANS ARE THINKING, published in 1947, and containing twenty-eight chapters, only casual allusions to evangelism are made.

But it is different now. We talk it. We plan it. We pray it. We call to special posts within the program of evangelism some of our most energetic and capable ministers, even if congregations must be denied the service of pastors. Some of our best authors write articles, booklets and books on the subject. We spend thousands upon thousands of dollars in the prosecution of the program, locally and throughout the Church. The Church is astir in the field of evangelism. Indeed a few lag behind, but they are out of step. Evangelism is at the fore.

And, even though the necessity of such a thrust of the Church in evangelism is in reality and indictment of the work of pastors in general, who does not appreciate what is now being done and who is not willing to co-operate fully with the program?

But evangelism consists of at least three functions, functions which constitute a revolving cycle. It is bringing men to Christ, building them up in Christ and sending them forth for Christ. Omit any one of those stages, among individuals or in congregations, and evangelism is negated.

It would be reasonable to suppose that every accession to the adult membership of the congregation would be a recruit for the program. But, alas, the sad fact is that many of the members of our congregations constitute a field rather than a force for evangelism. Hence any evangelism program must begin with the members of the congregation, as the objects rather than the subjects.

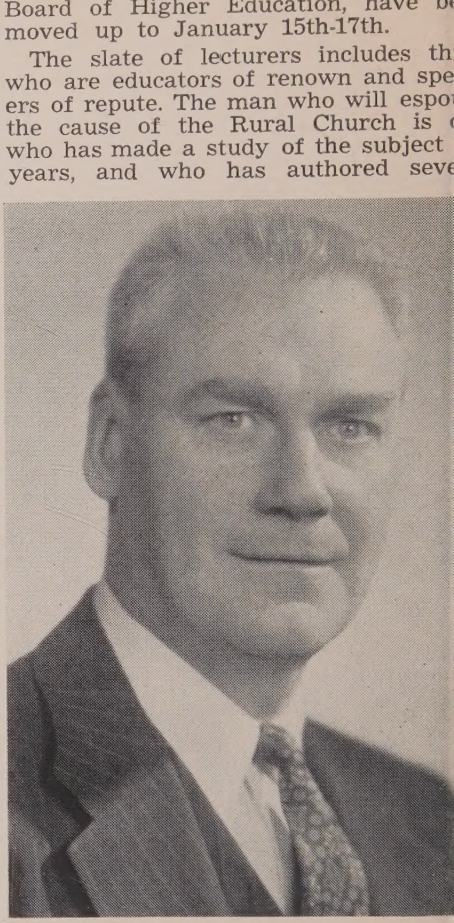
Cordially,

E B Reisler

1957 Pre-lenten Lecture

In order to avoid highly undesira conflicts, the 1957 Pre-Lenten Lectur made possible by a special grant by Board of Higher Education, have b moved up to January 15th-17th.

The slate of lecturers includes th who are educators of renown and spe ers of repute. The man who will espo the cause of the Rural Church is who has made a study of the subject years, and who has authored seve



Rev. Prof. Rockwell C. Smith

books in that field. He is the Rev. P Rockwell C. Smith, Ph.D., D.D., L of the department of Rural Church ministration and Sociology at the Gar Biblical Institute.

The other two are more widely kn in Lutheran circles. They are the Prof. Elmer E. Flack, Th.D., D.D., LL L.H.D., Dean of Hamma Divinity Sch Springfield, Ohio, and Dr. James C. ard, who has been honored with LL.D., the Litt.D. and the L.H.D. degr and who for more than twenty y was the effective president of Newb College. While the labors of both Flack and Kinard have been con trated at their respective institut they have also served the Church in broader aspects.

Golden Anniversary

In 1906 twelve men graduated from Western Theological Seminary which was located in Atchison, Kansas. Seven of those twelve graduates are still living and this year are celebrating their "Golden Anniversary" in the gospel ministry. Six out of the seven are living in retirement. They are: the Rev. J. M. Holzberger, Lincoln, Nebraska; the Rev. Hermann L. Lenser, Hanover, Kansas; the Rev. Ralph W. Livers, D.D., Fremont, Nebraska; the Rev. J. N. Marxen, Columbus, Nebraska; the Rev. F. C. Schuldt, D.D., Fremont, Nebraska; the Rev. Oscar Woods, South Bend, Pennsylvania.

The seventh living member of the class, the Rev. William C. Heidenreich, is still serving as an active pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hampton, Nebraska. On September 16, 1956, which was the exact date for the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination, the Hampton congregation arranged special services for the appropriate observance of this high day in Pastor Heindenreich's life. The Sunday morning service was in charge of Dr. Thomas D. Rinde of Central Lutheran Seminary. Dr. Rinde also delivered the anniversary sermon. At noon the ladies of the congregation served a dinner in honor of Pastor Heidenreich, at which were present members of his family and a number of special guests. In the afternoon an informal gathering was held in the city auditorium at which Dr. F. C. Schuldt, a classmate, was the principal speaker. Greetings and congratulations were extended by a number of neighboring pastors, and also by lay representatives of several congregations Pastor Heidenreich had served in former years. Much joy was added to the occasion for Pastor Heidenreich because five of his six daughters, and their children, as well as several other relatives, could be present for the celebration. Pastor Heidenreich was presented many fine gifts.

A special observance of Pastor Heidenreich's fiftieth anniversary was also held by two congregations formerly served by him. St. Mark at Oshkosh and Grace at Lewellen, Nebraska. Pastor Heidenreich served these congregations at two periods in his ministry. He organized these congregations fifty years ago and continued as their pastor for several years. Then, just before going to his present parish, Pastor Heidenreich again served the congregations at Oshkosh and Lewellen for a number of years. These congregations presented a beautiful Hampton watch to Pastor Heidenreich.

Central Lutheran Seminary rejoices over the many years of service these seven living members of the class of 1906 have given to the Lutheran Church. The seminary offers its very hearty congratulations and prays that God's richest blessing may continue to rest upon them during the evening years of their lives.

Dr. Rinde Re-Elected

Rev. T. D. Rinde

At the recent convention of the U. L. C. A. the Rev. Prof. Thomas D. Rinde, D.D., our professor of Historical Theology, was re-elected to membership on the Commission of Adjudication, which Commission will likely be known as the "Court of Adjudication and Interpretation" after the 1958 Convention. Dr. Rinde was elected to his first term of six years at the Des Moines Convention in 1950.

It has been a matter of pardonable pride that the faculty of Central Seminary or its predecessor has been represented on the Commission ever since the U.L.C.A. came into being in 1918. Dr. Holmes Dysinger was elected at the merging convention, and served the Church for two terms of six years each. He was succeeded for a like period by Dr. W. F. Rangeler, and he for another like period by Dr. Paul W. H. Frederick who also served as president of the Commission for several years. Dr. Rinde succeeded Dr. Frederick.

Capsule Comment

The Rev. Albert J. Shandrick, our Librarian, will be the speaker at a special Reformation service to be held jointly by the N. L. C. congregation in and near Glenvil, Nebr.

For considerably more than a year now the Central Seminary Bulletin has been printed without cost to the Seminary, by The Douglas County Gazette, Waterloo, Nebr. To the Gazette and to its owner, Mr. George Woodward, a member of our St. Mark Church in Valley, Nebr., we express our deep and sincere gratitude for this unusual manifestation of generosity. What is more is the fact that the entire Gazette staff is always most kind, friendly, and accommodating.

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From Our Library...

By Our Librarian

The Reformation of the 16th Century was successful largely through the influence of the books of Martin Luther, and cartoons for those who couldn't read. At the Diet of Worms Luther was asked to deny the content of his writings piled on the floor before him. Luther's writings are so prolific that even today many of them are known to but a few. One of the functions of a library is to possess and relate the rich legacy of the past to the present and the future.

Our new card catalog is progressing as rapidly as possible. Enlivened interest in microfilm is evident in many circles today. This interest will make available many items that are not available in print.

Dr. Frederick Weertz of Des Moines, Pastor Dayton Van Dusen of Omaha, and Mrs. E. W. Wilson of Bellevue are the generous and thoughtful donors who have given us portions of their libraries. Among the Van Dusen books is a collection of Hymnals which will prove valuable to our Library. The Library is genuinely appreciative to all who manifest their interest and supplement our resources with their books and means.

Echoes From The U.L.C.A. Convention

Two members of the Seminary Faculty attended as official delegates of the Synod in the Central States the Twentieth Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 10th to 17th. Dr. Richard R. Syre and Professor G. Gieschen have brought back reports of a spirited convention which won the commendation of President F. C. Fry for its almost perfect attendance record and for the volume of work it carried to completion.

As a result of elections several persons from the constituency of Central Seminary will serve on boards and commissions of the Church. Among them are: Dr. T. D. Rinde, who was re-elected to the Commission of Adjudication (which was re-named, pending adoption of a constitutional amendment by the Constituent Synods, "Court of Adjudication and Interpretation"); Dr. Leland E. Lesher, re-elected to the Board of Higher Education; Dr. A. B. J. Lentz, elected to the Board of Parish Education; Dr. Clemens H. Zeidler, elected to the Executive Board; Mrs. Walter A. Voss elected to the Board of Foreign Missions; the Rev. Nathaniel H. Kern, elected to the Board of Deaconess Work.

During the discussion on the statement on marriage and divorce, which was adopted enthusiastically by the convention Dr. Syre, a member of the commission which had prepared it, spoke to the assembled Church in explanation and defense of the statement, as did also other members of the commission.

Mr. Brei of our staff was also a regularly elected delegate to the Convention but on account of a tragic death in relatives was not in attendance.

Special Contributions

While our list of special contributions is not as large as it has been at times heretofore, we are still encouraged to know that the friends of Central Seminary remember us with their gifts. With sincere appreciation to all donors we list the following:

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